

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Attached is a supplemental reissue declaration under 37 CFR § 1.175(b)(1) which describes the errors corrected by the amendments and additional claims added in the reissue, as required under 35 USC § 251, and includes the statement:

"Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the application."

as suggested by the examiner.

The original patent is herewith surrendered as required by 37 CFR § 1.178.

Also attached, as required by 37 CFR §§ 1.172(a) and 3.73, is a written consent of the assignee Bracco International B.V. Assignment information is provided in the Consent and copies of the recorded assignment are included as well. Please note there is an error in the abstract of the assignment recorded on September 1, 1998 at reel/frame 009429/0562. The correct name of the assignee is Bracco International B.V., as shown on the assignment itself, and not Bracco International Inc. as shown in the abstract. The undersigned has requested correction of the abstract to rectify this error.

Attached is a revised set of all pending and deleted claims in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.173(b) which include the entire text of each claim in which the changes are marked as required using brackets "[]" for deleted text and underlines for the new claims. Cancelled claims are simply identified as such without presentation of the text of the claim as per 37 CFR §§ 1.173(b)(2) last sentence.

Counsel notes the examiner has held the claims are free of the art of record.

In summary, the deficiencies noted in the Action are resolved by 1) filing a substitute declaration, 2) surrendering the original patent, 3) filing a written consent of the assignee of the patent in compliance with 37 CFR §§ 1.172 and 3.73, and 4) filing an amendment with all pending claims in a final copy format having all of the changes set forth in accordance with 1.173(b).


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A Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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